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LORD SOUTHAMPTON, AS A MASTER OF THE HOUNDS

CHARLES FITZROY, Baron Southampton, of Southampton, in the County of Hants, was born September 25, 1804, and succeeded to his father, the second Lord, on the 24th day of June, 1810.

The Quorn country was taken possession of by Lord Southampton in 1827, when it was nearly as full of foxes as of fox covers, and he made quite as good a start as could be expected with about seventy couples of hounds, collected from different kennels, but still all the right sort. His Lordship also entered with great spirit into all the minutiae of his new undertaking; going through the cub-hunting with his men, and reckoning his twenty brace of noses on his kennel door, before regular hunting commenced. Lord Southampton made a good finish of his first season, rendering himself very popular in the country. The year suc-

ceeding to that in which he made his debut as Master of the Quorn hounds, his country was nearly stripped of foxes. That is to say, the covers of the Laughton Hills, Barkby, Queenborough, Langton, Cowdale, and others, were cleared of them. That this, however, had nothing to do with the character or conduct of Lord Southampton as a Master, is proved according to "Nimrod," by the fact of the same blunder having been committed at some of the Pytchley covers, then hunted by the famous Mr. Osbaldeston. It afterwards appeared that a well-organized gang of fox-stealers had traversed parts of the two adjoining counties with traps, wires, and nets for the purpose of supplying with Leicestershire and Northamptonshire foxes, masters of other counties who entertained the notion, that a cross from the crack counties would improve their own sorts.

PARAPHRASE BY A
MASTER OF THE HOUNDS

Si j'avance, suivez moi; si je recule,
Tuez moi; si je tombe, vengez moi,
Henri de la Rochejaquelein.

Follow, when I take the lead;
Pass me, when I fail in speed;
But I pray you, one and all,
Jump not on me, when I fall.